

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter has been entered.

The claims have been amended to better define the claimed invention and to better distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. More particularly, independent claim 26 has been amended to include the features of dependent claim 27, which has been cancelled. Independent claim 26 also has been amended to specify that the paper web runs from the top of the magazine behind the back of the magazine to the feed roller which is located in the lower part of the device, and that the paper is dispensed from the lower part of the device. Support for the features are found in the original specification in the paragraph beginning at the page 4. No new matter has been entered.

The art rejections are respectfully traversed. Considering first the rejection of claims 26-29, 32 and 34 as anticipated by Chen, as noted supra claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 27, which has been cancelled. As to the remaining claims, Chen withdraws paper from the top of his stack, runs it to the front of his stack, and out the middle of his device. As a result, Chen's device sticks out quite far from the wall. Applicants' claimed device, on the other hand, runs the paper web from adjacent the top of the magazine behind the magazine to the feed roller which is located in the lower part of the device, where the paper is dispensed from the lower part of the device. As can be seen in, for example, Fig. 1, this results in a device which is much thinner than Chen, and which hardly projects out from the wall. Thus, Applicants' claimed device provides significant advantages in terms of aesthetics, compact design and safety, i.e. one is much less likely to hit one's head, etc., on the

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device. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 26 and the several claims dependent thereon as being anticipated by Chen cannot be maintained.

Turning to the rejection of claims 30, 31 and 33 as obvious from Chen in view of Watanabe claims 30, 31 and 33 are directly or indirectly dependent on claim 26. The deficiencies of Chen vis-à-vis claim 26 are discussed above. Watanabe does not supply the missing teachings to Chen to achieve or render obvious claim 26 or any of the claims dependent thereon. Watanabe shows a dispenser for dispensing paper from a roll. Applicants' claimed invention, and Chen both require paper supplied as an elongate web of folded paper. Applicants submit that one skilled in the art would not look to combine the teachings of Chen and Watanabe since they are concerned with very different types of paper supplies. Moreover, Watanabe also sticks out significantly from the wall. Thus, even assuming arguendo Watanabe is as the Examiner states, no combination of Chen and Watanabe reasonably could be said to achieve or render obvious claim 26, or claims 30, 31 and 33 which depend thereon.

Turning to the rejection of claim 38 as obvious from Chen in view of DiSanto, claim 38 also depends on claim 26. The deficiencies of the primary reference Chen vis-à-vis claim 26 are discussed above. It is submitted that DiSanto does not supply the missing teachings to Chen to achieve or render obvious claim 26 or claim 38 which depends thereon. DiSanto is a water dispensing system and thus constitutes non-analogous art. Even assuming arguendo DiSanto is as the Examiner characterizes it, it is submitted no combination of Chen and DiSanto reasonably could be said to achieve or render obvious claim 26, or claim 38 which depends thereon.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the application is believed to be in order for allowance.

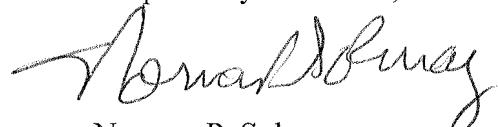
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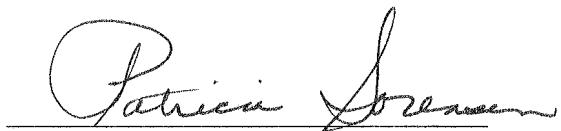
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